GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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HANDOVER OF WORK OF BBMB TO PUNJAB
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether head works of Ropar Hatike and Ferozepur are under control of Punjab;

(b) whether as per clause 79 of Punjab Reorgnisation Act, 1966, the control of these works should sort with Bhakra Beas Management Board;

(c) if so, whether the Bhakra Beas Management Board shall not take these head works under its jurisdication;

(d) whether the Government proposes to issue directions to BBMB to take these head works under its jurisdiction; and

(e) if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Section 79(1) of the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966 provides for the administration, maintenance and operation by the Bhakra Management Board (now the Bhakra Beas Management Board) of, inter alia, the irrigation headworks of Rupur, Harike and Ferozepur.

(c) to (e) It has been the continuing endeavour of the Central Government to resolve the issue of transfer of control of the said head works from Punjab to the Bhakra Beas Management Board amicably among the concerned States and accordingly request the Bhakra Beas Management Board. Keeping in view that no agreement is arrived at so far, despite two Inter-State meetings in which the issue was discussed, further action would be possible at an opportune time after the outcome of a Presidential Reference in the matter of Punjab Termination of Agreements Act, 2004.